

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for splash-back proofing adopted for a substrate, comprising:

a rotating device for holding and rotating said substrate;

at least a liquid spray unit mounted on one side of said rotating device for spraying a liquid to said substrate;

a guard means surrounding part of said rotating device for preventing said liquid from scattering to an outer portion of said rotating device; and

a filtration film ~~roughening-unit~~ mounted at an upper periphery of said guard means to filtrate the liquid for preventing said liquid hitting against said guard means from splashing-back.

Claim 2 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said substrate is a silicon wafer, a panel or a glass substrate.

Claim 3 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said liquid is developer or water.

Claim 4 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said guard means is made of stainless steel.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said ~~roughening unit is~~ filtration film includes a sponge; ~~or a stainless steel web or a roughened surface of a stainless steel web.~~

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said apparatus is applied to a developing apparatus or a scrubber.

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Claim 15 (New): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said filtration film has a thickness in the range of from 1 mm to 20 mm.